

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(17)


TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: December 19, 2006

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution Urging the
Florida House Financing
Corporation to Prioritize
Preservation of Existing
Affordable Housing

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Katy Sorenson.



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County Attorney

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Please note any items checked.



“4-Day Rule” (“3-Day Rule” for committees) applicable if raised

6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing

4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing

Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget

Budget required

Statement of fiscal impact required

Bid waiver requiring County Manager’s written recommendation

Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager’s report for public hearing

Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)

No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor

Veto _____

Override _____

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12-19-06

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE
CORPORATION TO PRIORITIZE PRESERVATION OF
EXISTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN ITS DISTRIBUTION
OF LOW INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDITS

WHEREAS, the mission of the Florida Housing Finance Corporation (Florida Housing) is to help Floridians obtain safe, decent housing that might otherwise be unavailable to them; and

WHEREAS, Florida Housing's Board of Directors and staff are continuing to work to increase affordable housing opportunities for Floridians, ensure that Florida Housing's programs are well matched to the housing needs of Floridians, and communicate the importance of affordable housing to Florida's communities; and

WHEREAS, the cost of preserving existing affordable housing units is only about 2/3 the costs of replacement housing; and

WHEREAS, renovation of existing housing can be both energy and resource efficient; and

WHEREAS, older housing is often located near jobs and transportation; and

WHEREAS, in Miami-Dade County and other communities throughout the state, many units of housing that have been restricted as affordable are going to market rate as these restrictions are expiring; and

WHEREAS, the nation has lost more than 15% of previously subsidized apartments in the last 8 years,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the Florida Housing Finance Corporation to prioritize preservation of existing affordable housing in its distribution of low income housing tax credits.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation, and the Board of Directors and Executive Director of the Florida Housing Finance Corporation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the policy issue set forth in Section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2007 State Legislative Package.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Katy Sorenson and offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman
Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro
Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman
Dorrian D. Rolle
Katy Sorenson
Sen. Javier D. Souto

Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Carlos A. Gimenez
Barbara J. Jordan
Natacha Seijas
Rebeca Sosa

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 19th day of December, 2006. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Jess M. McCarty

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

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